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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S VISIT: SUGGESTIONS

FOR TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S TOAST

1. DEPARTMENT MAY FIND FOLLOWING HELPFUL IN DRAFTING TEXT
OF PRESIDENT'S TOAST FOR WHITE HOUSE DINNER FEBRUARY 6
TOASTING PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. SOME OF THE IDEAS WORKED

UP MAY ALSO BE APPROPRIATE FOR USE BY SECRETARY IN COURSE
OF BHUTTO VISIT.

2. PROPOSED TEXT OF TOAST BY PRESIDENT FORD AT WHITE
HOUSE DINNER HONORING THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN:

BEGIN TEXT: AMBASSADOR BYROADE HAS TOLD ME--I KNOW
THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD NEVER HAVE DISCLOSED THE
INFORMATION HIMSELF--THAT WHEN DR KISSINGER VISITED
PAKISTAN LAST YEAR PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO THREW PROTOCOL
TO THE PUNJAB WINDS AND PROPOSED A TOAST NOT TO HIM
BUT TO THE LOVELY WOMAN WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING HIM ON
HIS LONG JOURNEY.

3. KNOWING NANCY KISSINGER AS WELL AS I DO, I CAN READILY
FORGIVE THE PRIME MINISTER HIS INDISCRETION. AND COMING
TO KNOW BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO AS I HAVE HERE TODAY, I HOPE
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HE CAN FORGIVE ME FOR CONSIDERING A SIMILAR INDISCRETION.

SHE IS INDEED AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN. A POLITICAL HELP-MEET OF HER HUSBAND, SHE IS ALSO VERY MUCH OF A PERSONAGE IN HER OWN RIGHT. ANY AUDIENCE FAMILIAR WITH PAKISTAN WILL BE AWARE OF HER VALUABLE EFFORTS IN THE IMPORTANT FIELDS OF POPULATION PLANNING AND HEALTH, TWO KEY AREAS IN HER COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO FORGE A BETTER LIFE FOR ITS PEOPLE. SHE IS ALSO THE MOTHER OF FOUR FINE CHILDREN, THREE OF WHOM I AM PROUD TO SAY HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION, THUS FOLLOWING THEIR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS.

4. BEGUM BHUTTO, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME BOTH YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON. NEITHER OF YOU ARE NEWCOMERS HERE, AND WE RECEIVE YOU BOTH AS OLD AND RESPECTED FRIENDS.

5. IN MAY, A QUARTER OF A CENTURY WILL HAVE PASSED SINCE PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS HONORED HERE BY A VISIT FROM PAKISTAN'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER. HE REPRESENTED A COUNTRY WHICH HAD LESS THAN THREE YEARS EARLIER JOINED THE RANKS OF THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AFTER A STRUGGLE WHICH MANY DOUBTED WOULD SUCCEED. BY 1950 PAKISTAN HAD GONE THROUGH BIRTH PANGS OF ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED SEVERITY, AND HAD ENDURED. IT WILL CONTINUE TO ENDURE.

6. THE ENSURING YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY ONES FOR PAKISTAN. IT HAS HAD TO STRUGGLE AGAINST ALMOST EVERY CONCEIVABLE MANMADE AND NATURAL OBSTACLE AS IT SOUGHT TO RAISE ITS LIVING STANDARDS AND WIN A MEASURE OF SECURITY FOR ITSELF IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD.

7. FOR MANY OF THOSE YEARS, MR PRIME MINISTER, YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THESE EFFORTS, WHETHER IN THE GOVERNMENT OR, IN A ROLE I TOO HAVE KNOWN, AS A LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. YOU HAVE TAKEN AS YOUR OWN THE WORDS OF THE FOUNDER OF PAKISTAN "FAILURE IS A WORD UNKNOWN TO ME". WINNING SUPREME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY AT THE BLEAKEST MOMENT IN ITS HISTORY, YOU HAVE OVER THESE LAST THREE YEARS WORKED HOURS MOST OTHER DEMOCRATIC STATESMEN WOULD FIND INCREDIBLE TO REVIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY, REBUILD ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, RESTORE ITS FAITH IN ITSELF AND ITS SENCE OF HISTORICAL PURPOSE.

8. IN YOUR EFFORTS YOU HAVE WISELY CHOSEN TO SEEK TO END OLD ENMITIES AND ENSURE PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA. FOR AS YOU SAID HERE IN WASHINGTON ON ANOTHER VISIT TO THE

UNITED STATES," WITHOUT PEACE (PAKISTAN) REALLY CANNOT
OVERCOME THE TREMENDOUS TASKS AND CHALLENGES OF POVERTY
AND WANT WHICH STARE (IT) IN THE FACE".

9. OUR TALKS TODAY HAVE GIVEN ME A MUCH BETTER PERSONAL
UNDERSTANDING OF THESE EFFORTS OF YOURS AND OF YOUR
APPRECIATION OF THE PROSPECTS WHICH YOU SEE FOR PAKISTAN.
I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE BEST APPROACH
IS THROUGH CANDID, INFORMAL, FACE TO FACE GIVE-AND-TAKE.
IT IS A STYLE I HAVE MYSELF FOUND MOST EFFECTIVE, AND
I'M DELIGHTED WITH THE WARM AND UNDERSTANDING TONE IT GAVE
TO THIS OUR FIRST MEETING TOGETHER AS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

10. IN DISCUSSING OUR BILATERAL TIES YOU SPOKE ELOQUENTLY
OF THE STRENGTHS WHICH UNDERLIE OUR RELATIONS AND FRANKLY
ABOUT THE SHORTCOMINGS YOU FEEL NEED FURTHER EFFORT. WE
HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR VIEWS WITH THE CAREFUL ATTENTION DUE
AN OLD FRIEND OF GREAT EXPERIENCE AND VISION. WE HAVE ON
OUR SIDE SOUGHT TO BE EQUALLY OPEN IN GIVING YOU OUR OWN
VIEWS OF PROSPECTS IN SOUTH ASIA IN THE BROADER CONTEXT
OF AN EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
SCENE IN WHICH PAKISTAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS CAN AND DO PLAY
A VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE.

11. IN HOPE YOU WILL COME AWAY FROM YOUR VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES WITH A FRESH UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND OF OUR SUPPORT
FOR ITS SECURITY AND WELL BEING. I SAID A MOMENT AGO THAT
25 YEARS AGO THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY
HAD COME TO THIS HOUSE. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS WE HAVE
SOUGHT TO BE A GOOD FRIEND TO THE VALIANT PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN
AND HAVE VALUED THE MUTUAL BENEFITS WHICH HAVE COME FROM
OUR WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. WE HAVE TRIED TO DO WHAT
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WE APPROPRIATELY COULD TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR LAUDABLE
GOALS. I AM CONFIDENT, MR PRIME MINISTER, THAT YOU WILL
FIND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. END TEXT.
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